GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Endowments Department – Certain irregularities committed by Sri S.Ramgopal, former Executive Officer, Gr.III, Sri Nageswara Swamy Temple, Kojjilipeta, Machilipatnam, Krishna district (now Retd.) - Disciplinary action initiated – Inquiry – Charge proved – Punishment of 10% cut in pension permanently under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Imposed - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 290 **Dated: 15-03-2017**

Read the following:

Ref:-1.From the Commissioner of Endowment Department, AP, Hyderabad, Lr.NoE3/25248/06, dt.03-04-2010.
2.G.O.Ms.No.309, Rev (Vig.II) Dept., dated 10-05-2012.
3.G.O.Rt.No.746, Rev (Vig.II) Dept., dated 10-05-2012.
4.Written Statement of Defence dt.15-6-13 of Sri S.Ramgopal, EO, Gr.III, Sri Nageswara Swamy Temple, Kojjilipeta, (now Retd.).
5.G.O.Rt.No.600, Rev (Vig.IV.1) Dept., dated 27-06-2015.
6.G.O.Rt.No.601, Rev (Vig.IV.1) Dept., dated 27-06-2015.
7.From Commissioner of Endowment Department, AP, Hyderabad, Lr.NoV2/25248/06, dt.04-04-2016 with
Rc.No.B4/11335/15, dt.16-03-2016 of DC, ED, Kakinada (IR).
8.Govt.Memo No.20980/Vig.IV(1)/2011-7, dt.19-05-2016.
9.Representation dt.24-05-2016 of Sri S.Ramgopal, EO, Gr.III, Sri Nageswara Swamy Temple, Kojjilipeta, (now Retd.).
10.Govt.Memo No.20980/Vig.IV(1)/2011-8, dated: 01-07-2016
11.Representation dt.18-07-2016 of Sri S.Ramgopal, EO, Gr.III, Sri Nageswara Swamy Temple, Kojjilipeta, (now Retd.).
12.Govt.Letter No.20980/Vig.IV(1)/2011-9, dated: 03-12-2016
13.From the Secretary, AP.Public Service Commission, Letter No. 09/DC&C/1/2017, dated 19-01-2017.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Commissioner of Endowments has submitted report stating that the Regional Joint Commissioner, Multi Zone—I, Endowments Department had initiated departmental action against one Sri S.Ramgopal, for the irregularities committed by him while working as Executive Officer, Grade-III, Sri Nageswara Swamy Temple, Kojjilipeta, Machilipatnam, Krishna district (now Retd.). The accused officer filed O.A. in Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal challenging the competency of Regional Joint Commissioner in initiating disciplinary action against him. The Hon`ble APAT has allowed the OA and set aside the disciplinary proceedings and directed to initiate fresh proceedings by the competent authority, if they so desire. Hence, he has requested the Government to take action against the Charged Officer under APRP Rules, 1980.

2. After examining the matter, Government initiated disciplinary action against Sri S.Ramgopal, Executive Officer, Grade-III under APRP Rules, 1980 vide reference 2nd read above and framed 12 charges vide reference 3rd read above.

3. In the reference 4th read above, Sri S.Ramgopal, submitted Written Statement Defence denying the charges. After examining the Written Statement Defense, Government had ordered for regular inquiry into the matter and appointed the Inquiry Authority vide reference 5th read above. In the reference 7th read above, the Inquiry Authority submitted the Inquiry Report holding seven charges as proved and five charges as not
proved. In the reference 8th read above, Government have communicated the Inquiry Report to the charged officer to submit his representation if any on the findings of Inquiry Authority. The Charged Officer Sri. S. Ramgopal has submitted his representation, vide reference 9th read above stating that the lapses, noticed against him are only procedural in nature and that no financial loss has been caused and no amounts were misappropriated by him. Hence he requested to drop further action against him.

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4. After examining the representation with reference to the report of Inquiring Authority, Government have observed that the contention of Sri S.Ramgopal that no financial loss is caused to the temple cannot be accepted, as the Charged Officer has not even maintained the Cash Book / Daily Collection Register properly from which it can certainly be inferred that there has been pilferage of temple funds and also utter negligence in maintaining accounts pertaining to financial transactions. Hence, Government, have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 10% cut in pension permanently against Sri S.Ramgopal, Executive Officer (Retd). Accordingly Show Cause Notice was issued to him, vide reference 10 read above to submit representation, if any. The Charged Officer has submitted representation vide reference 11th read above re-iterating the contents earlier stated and requested to drop further action.

5. Government have examined the matter in detail and noticed that no new facts have been adduced by the accused officer Sri S. Ramgopal to deserve any change of view. Hence it is hereby decided to confirm the provisional decision to impose a punishment of 10% cut in pension permanently against Sri S.Ramgopal, Executive Officer (now Retd). The concurrence of the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been obtained in the reference 13th read above (copy enclosed).

6. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a punishment of 10% cut in pension permanently against Sri S.Ramgopal, Executive Officer (now Retd.) under rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. The Commissioner, Endowments shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J.S.V. PRASAD
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri S.Ramgopal, former Executive Officer, Gr.III, Sri Nageswara Swamy Temple, Kojjilipeta, Machilipatnam, Krishna district (Retd.)
through the Commissioner, Endowments Department, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
Copy to
The Commissioner, Endowments Department, AP, Hyderabad.
The Regional Jt.Commissioner, Endowments Department, Rajahmundry.
The Deputy Commissioner, Krishna District.
The Executive Officer, Sri Nageswara Swamy Temple, Kojjilipeta, Machilipatnam, Krishna district (Retd.)
SF / SC.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER